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A THRILLING NEW SANDMAN ACTION STORY!





SANDMAN

**"REINCARNATION
OF A ROGUE!"**

EVEN THE
TOUGHEST

DENIZEN OF THE UNDER-
WORLD HAS HIS WEAK
SPOTS... BUT RARELY
HAS ANY CRIMINAL
BETRAYED A WEAKNESS
LIKE THAT OF THE HEAVY-
MUSCLED MOBSTER, APE
LARSON. KINDNESS
TO ANIMALS IS ITS
SURPRISING SYMPTOM...
AND SANDMAN AND
SANDY, GOLD-AND-
PURPLE-CLAD
MASTERS OF
DREAMS, ARE
QUICK TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF
THE DANGEROUS
OPPORTUNITY
IT GIVES THEM!

APUS LARSONUS
HABITAT
UNDERWORLD

by SIMON
and
JACK KIRBY



THIS TALE BEGINS AS SO MANY TALES HAVE ENDED—WITH A SWIFT PURSUIT OF AN EVIL-DOER BY SANDMAN AND SANDY...

YA AIN'T GOT ME YET, SANDMAN!

THAT RECK-LESS RISK GAINED YOU ONLY A FEW SECONDS, APE LARSON! WHEN I GET YOU, IT'LL BE WORSE THAN YOU EVER DREAMED!

YA MEAN IF YA GET ME / HUH... A ROPE!



WITH SWIFT AGILITY PATTERNED AFTER THAT OF THE ANIMAL FOR WHICH HE IS NICKNAMED, APE SWINGS UPWARD!

LUCK'S WID ME! SANDMAN AIN'T CLOSE ENOUGH TA SEE ME DO THIS!



SPLIT SECONDS LATER... HE'S NOT IN SIGHT!

HE MUST BE BREAKING A WORLD'S RECORD FOR SPEED!



WE'VE LOST HIM IN THE CROWD!

SHUCKS, SANDY, AND I THOUGHT WE HAD HIM!



APE ENGINEERED THAT BIG JEWEL ROBBERY LAST WEEK! I THOUGHT IF WE CAUGHT HIM, WE COULD GET HIM TO DO A LITTLE TALKING!

I DON'T THINK HE'S THE KIND THAT TALKS IN A HURRY! BUT MAYBE WE'D BETTER NOT GIVE UP YET... WE MIGHT RUN ACROSS HIS TRAIL AGAIN!



MEANWHILE, HIDING ALL SIGNS OF EXCITEMENT, APE LARSON MAKES HIMSELF AT HOME IN HIS ACCIDENTALLY DISCOVERED HIDEOUT...

A LIBRARY, AND NOBODY'S GIVIN' ME A TUMBLE! I'LL JUST PICK MESELF UP A BOOK, AN' TAKE IT EASY UNTIL DA SANDMAN GIVES UP LOOKIN' FER ME.

SUMPIN' ABOUT CARNATIONS! GOOD, I ALWAYS LIKED FLOWERS!

BUT 'REINCARINATION' AS YOU KNOW, AND AS APE SOON LEARNS, IS NOT EXACTLY A STUDY OF FLOWERS!

WAD DAYA KNOW... IT SAYS DA OLD GREEKS BELIEVED DAT WHEN YA KICKED DA BUCKET, YA BECAME AN ANIMAL, LIKE A DOG OR A MONKEY. DAT'S REAL INTERESTIN'!



AN HOUR LATER...

IMAGINE - AN ORDINARY MUTT I MEET IN DA STREET, COULD BE MY BRUDDER! DA SANDMAN MUSTA GIVE UP BY NOW, SO I'LL SCRAM, AN' TAKE DIS ALONG! I WANNA LOIN SOME MORE ABOUT DESE TINGS.

BUT THE SANDMAN NEVER GIVES UP!

IT'S FUNNY, SANDY... JUST HOW DID APE GET AWAY?

WE RE-TRACED OUR STEPS, BUT—



WAIT A MINUTE! THAT ROPE! SANDY WE'VE BEEN BLIND!

SECONDS LATER...

NO, SANDMAN, I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY SUCH PERSON AS YOU DESCRIBE! I'M SORRY I CAN'T HELP YOU...







AS THE PANICKY CRIMINAL EXPLAINS THE CAUSE OF HIS TERROR...

BOSS, DA TROUBLE WID YOU IS YA GOT DAT BOOK ON YER MIND! SANDMAN'S A TOUGH CUSTOMER, BUT HE CAN'T TON YA INTO A ANIMAL!

SURE, IF YA WASN'T UPSET, YA'D JUST LAUGH DIS OFF! WHY DON'T YA RELAX, BOSS? NUTTIN' EXCITIN', LIKE DA MOVIES, OR A FIGHT... JUST GO TO DA ZOO...

YIIII... NOOOO!!!

DON'T MENTION DA ZOO TO ME! NOT AFTER WHAT I BEEN T'ROUGH!

OKAY, BOSS, I WON'T! HE'S GOIN' WHACKY... MAYBE WE OUGHTTA GET A NEW BOSS!)

HIS CALM RESTORED, APE LARSON UNFOLDS A CLEVER SCHEME...

SO WE PULL DIS JOB, BOYS, AN' LEAVE TOWN! TO-

GEDDER WID WHAT WE PICKED UP LAST WEEK, WE'LL HAVE ENOUGH DOUGH TO LAST FER A WHILE... AN' WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT SANDMAN AND SANDY!

BUT MEANWHILE, THE SANDMAN AND SANDY HAVE CONTINUED THEIR SEARCH FOR A LEAD...

A BREAK AT LAST!

I PICKED UP A GUY LIKE WHAT YOU DESCRIBE, A COUPLE OF BLOCKS DOWN THE STREET FROM THE LIBRARY, SANDMAN! AND I REMEMBER WHERE I LET HIM OFF, TOO!

I NOTICED HIM BECAUSE HE WAS READIN' A BOOK... AND HE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THE KIND OF GUY THAT COULD READ!

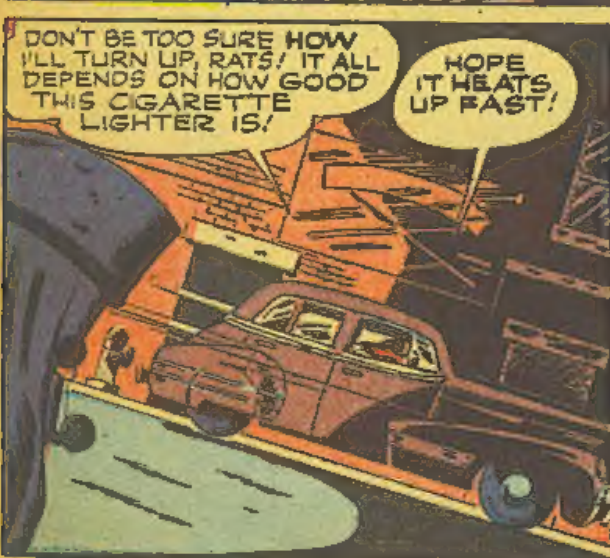
HMM, THAT BOOK MAKES ME DOUBT IT WAS APE! BUT SHOW US WHERE YOU LET HIM OFF, ANYWAY!

AND SO AS THE CRIMINALS LEAVE THEIR HIDE-OUT, THE GOLDEN PAIR ARE SCANNING THE NEIGHBORHOOD FROM A NEARBY ROOFTOP...

THIS IS THE KIND OF NEIGHBORHOOD APE WOULD HIDE IN!

YES, SANDY, I'M AFRAID IT WON'T BE EASY TO PICK HIM OUT!





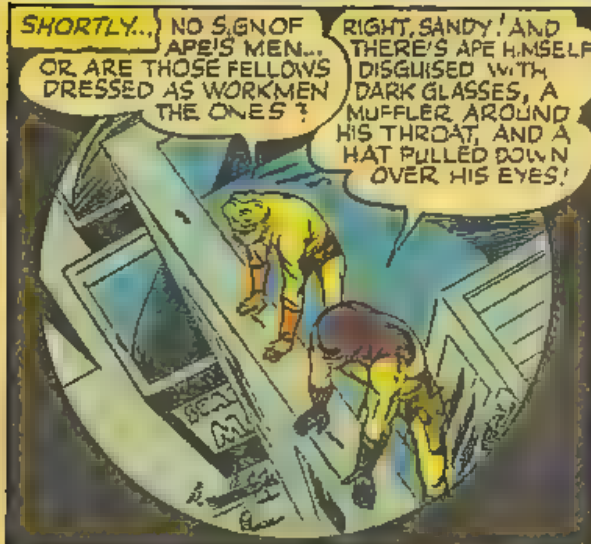


WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE!

CLOSER THAN I LIKE IT! BUT A MISS IS AS GOOD AS A MILE!

NOW TO GET TO THE SPARKLER MART AND RUIN APE'S GAME!

THE SPARKLER MART'S OUR SECOND STOP SANDY! I'VE AN IDEA HOW TO MAKE APE CONFESS WHERE HE HAD THAT OTHER LOOT!



SHORTLY... NO S.G.NOF APE'S MEN... OR ARE THOSE FELLOWS DRESSED AS WORKMEN THE ONES?

RIGHT, SANDY! AND THERE'S APE HIMSELF, DISGUISED WITH DARK GLASSES, A MUFFLER AROUND HIS THROAT, AND A HAT PULLED DOWN OVER HIS EYES!



I'LL KEEP WATCH BOYS! MAKE IT FAST!

SURE, BOSS! HA, HA! SANDMAN WOULD APPRECIATE OUR USIN' SAND-BLASTIN' TA PULL DIS JOB!



WE'LL GIVE THEM A COUPLE OF MINUTES, SANDY... THEN DO AS WE'VE PLANNED!

AS AN UNWORRIED APE AWAITS THE COMPLETION OF AN APPARENTLY FOOL-PROOF CRIME...

TAKE OFF THOSE GLASSES, APE... THEY'RE NOT GOING TO SUIT YOUR NEW FACE!

SAND-MAN'S GHOST!

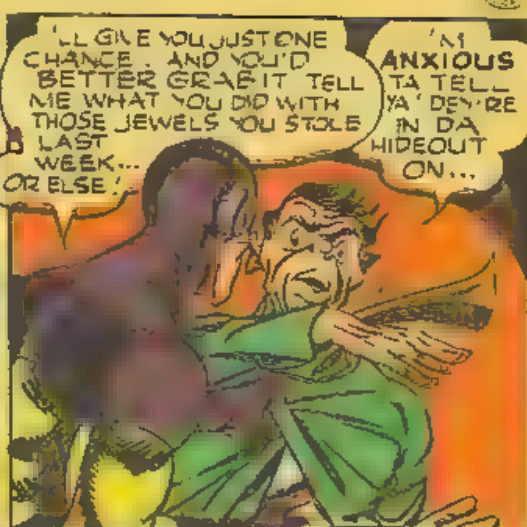


NO, I'M IN THE FLESH, APE, AND READY TO TURN YOU INTO A MONKEY...



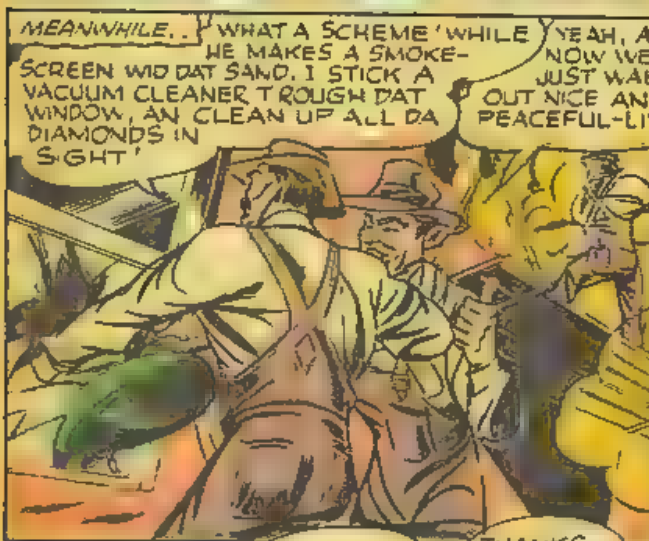
AS I'VE ALREADY
TURNED YOUR
FRIENDS

EEEEHHH...! DON'T.
SANDMAN! I'LL DO ANY-
THING. ONLY DON'T TOIN
ME INTO ONE OF
DEM



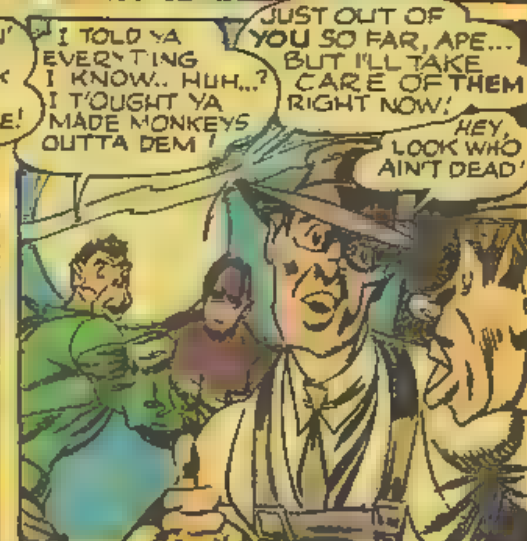
I'LL GIVE YOU JUST ONE
CHANCE. AND YOU'D
BETTER GRAB IT TELL
ME WHAT YOU DID WITH
THOSE JEWELS YOU STOLE
LAST
WEEK...
OR ELSE!

'AN
ANXIOUS
TA TELL
YA 'DEY'RE
IN DA
HIDEOUT
ON...



MEANWHILE... WHAT A SCHEME 'WHILE
HE MAKES A SMOKE-
SCREEN WID DAT SAND. I STICK A
VACUUM CLEANER TROUGH DAT
WINDOW, AN CLEAN UP ALL DA
DIAMONDS IN
SIGHT!

YEAH, AN'
NOW WE
JUST WALK
OUT NICE AN'
PEACEFUL-LIKE!



I TOLD YA
EVERYTING
I KNOW.. HUH...?
I T'UGHT YA
MADE MONKEYS
OUTTA DEM!

JUST OUT OF
YOU SO FAR, APE...
BUT I'LL TAKE
CARE OF THEM
RIGHT NOW!

HEY,
LOOK WHO
AIN'T DEAD!



STILL ALIVE,
AND SOCKING!

MIND IF I
LEND A FOOT,
SANDMAN!

THANKS.
SANDY, OUR
JOB'S FINISHED!
I'VE GOT THE INFOR-
MATION I WANTED...
YOU LET THOSE TRAINED
MONKEYS OUT
THEM IN
THEIR CAGES..
AFTER WE GET
THESE MONKEYS
IN THEIR
CAGES!

WE'LL
HAVE TO
CATCH
THEM
AND PUT
THEM IN
THEIR CAGES..
AFTER WE GET
THESE MONKEYS
IN THEIR
CAGES!



LATER.
GRRR...
LEMME
OUTTA
HERE!

LISTEN TO THAT.
EVER SINCE HE
TANGLED WITH
SANDMAN, HE'S
BEEN LIKE A
CAGED
GORILLA!

THE HISTORY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



THE BATTLE OF BOSTON

The first of the great battles of the American Revolution was fought on the 17th of March, 1776, at the Battle of the Clouds. The British, under the command of General Gage, defeated the Continental Army, which was led by General Howe. This battle was a significant turning point in the war, as it allowed the British to occupy Boston and the surrounding area.

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The SHINING KNIGHT



MR. BAGBY HAS ANCESTORS... AS WHO HASN'T? BUT MR. BAGBY'S FAVORITE ANCESTOR BELONGED TO A VERY PROMINENT CIRCLE... AND THEREBY HANGS A TALE! IT'S A TALE OF ROGUEERY AND SNOBBERY, OF CRIME AND DECEIT! BUT THROUGH IT ALL, EVEN AS DEATH THREATENS, THE SHINING KNIGHT SEEKS UNCEASINGLY THE ANSWER TO A BAFFLING PROBLEM... THE IDENTITY OF AN...

"ANCESTOR UNKNOWN!"

THE END OF A CRIME-TRAIL... ONCE MORE THE SHINING KNIGHT HAS BROUGHT A GANG OF LAWBREAKERS TO JUSTICE!

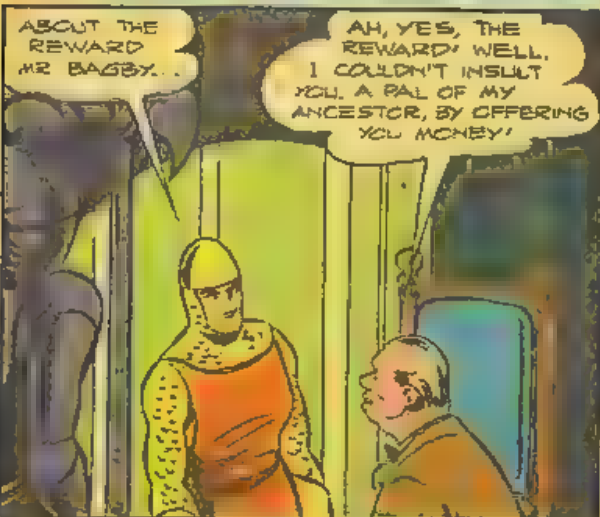
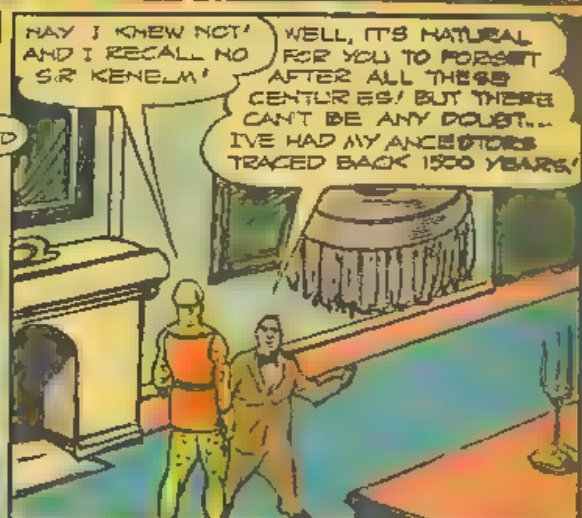
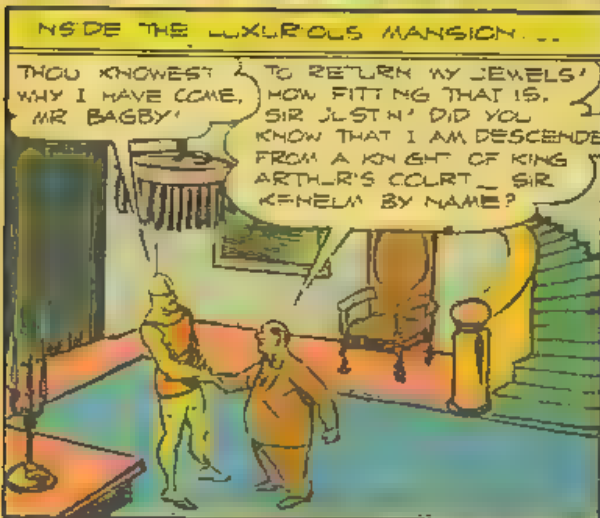
NOW, ROGUE, GIVE OVER THE PURLOINED BAGBY RUBBIES! THOU WILT HAVE NO USE FOR THEM IN GAOL!





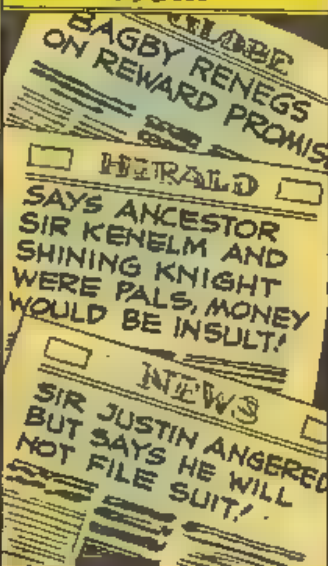
HOLD IT KNIGHT!

QUICKLY, FRIENDS! BUSINESS AWAITS ME!

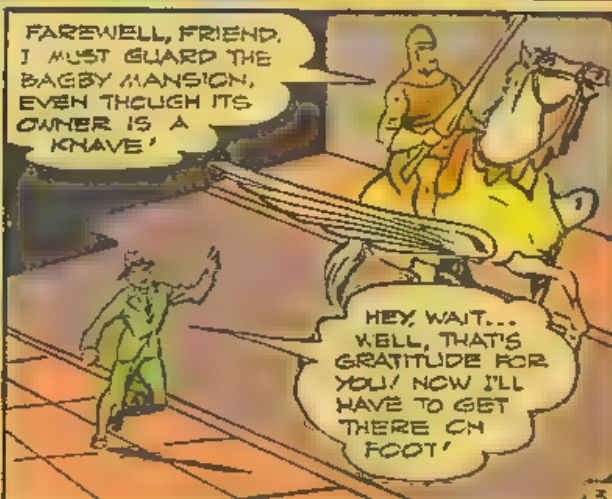
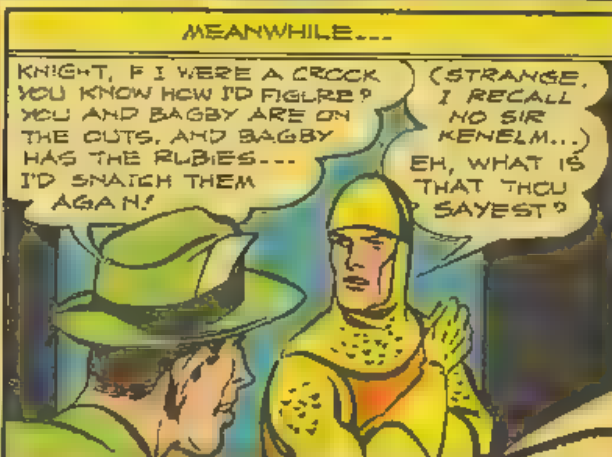
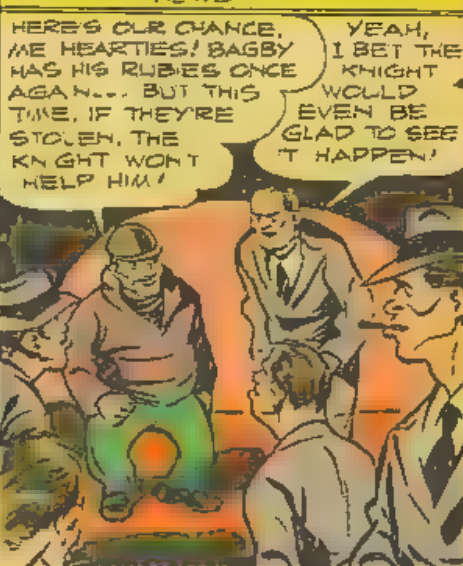




SCREAMING HEADLINES SPREAD THE SENSATIONAL STORY FAR AND WIDE---



AND IN AN UNDERWORLD HIDEOUT, CAPTAIN CHUCK CHUCKLES WITH PLEASURE AS HE READS THE NEWS!



AS SIR JUSTIN SWOOPS
DOWN FROM THE HEAVENS
ON HIS WINGED STEED...



I AM NONE TOO
SOON! WE SHALL
GIVE THESE
JARLETS A
TASTE OF OUR
WEAPONS!

FIRST A
MALED
FIST
SPECIAL
DELIVERY!



OWWW... AND
WE THOUGHT YOU'D
BE GLAD TO SEE
US DO THIS!

WELL DONE,
BRAVE VICTORY!



BUT AS THE SHINING KNIGHT BRINGS HIS
GLISTENING LANCE INTO PLAY...



WHA...?

TOO BAD, MATE..
I KEEP THIS LEATHER
WELL-OILED, AND
'TIS TOO SLIPPERY
FOR YE!

MAYHAP, MY SWORD
WILL NOT FAIL!



MAYBE IT WILL, YE
SWAB... ME CAP'S
PADDED TILL IT'S
ALMOST AS GOOD
AS A HELMET!

CLUNK!

AND NOW ME BULLY
LAD, WE'LL SEE HOW
YE FIGHT ON DRY
LAND!



THOU SHALT
HAVE THY WISH.
THOU BANDY-LEGGED
VILLAIN!

THIS BLOW,
METHINKS,
WILL FOUNDER
THEE!



AVAST YE LANDLUBBER..
T TAKES MORE THAN
ONE PLUNCH TO HURT
CAPTAIN CHUNK!



I KNOW THAT WELL!
IT IS NOT THE CLUE
ITSELF THAT'S IMPORTANT...
IT IS THE PUBLICITY I
DESIRED BY NEWSPAPER
TO GIVE IT!



LATER THAT EVENING...

LISTEN TO THIS,
ME HEARTIES!
THE KNIGHT FOUND
THE PEN THAT
WINDY DROPPED,
AND HE SAYS HE
CAN TRACE US
BY THE FINGER-
PRINTS ON IT!



AW, BOSS,
HOW CAN
HE DO
THAT?

BY FINDING YOUR
FINGERPRINTS ON
OTHER BOTTLES
YOU MAY HAVE
HANDLED AT THE
PLACE WHERE YOU
BOUGHT THE INK!
WELL, THAT STORE'S
IN THIS
NEIGHBORHOOD!



I KNOW IT!
THAT MEANS
WE GOTTA
SCRAM!
AND WE'LL
HAVE A
TOUGH
TIME
FINDING
ANOTHER
HIDEOUT
AS GOOD AS
THIS!

NO NEED FOR PANIC, LADS...
I'VE A REMEDY FOR OUR
TROUBLES! TWO CAN PLAY
AT THE SHINING KNIGHT'S
GAME!



AND SO, AS THE NIGHT WEARS ON...

WH...? YOU SAY
A SMALL STORE
WAS BROKEN INTO,
AND ALL THE
BOTTLES OF
INK STOLEN?



AH, 'TIS WHAT I ANTICIPATED!
I KNEW IT WOULD BE NEXT
TO IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE
CAPTAIN CHLINK'S
NEIGHBORHOOD BY
THE FINGERPRINTS...

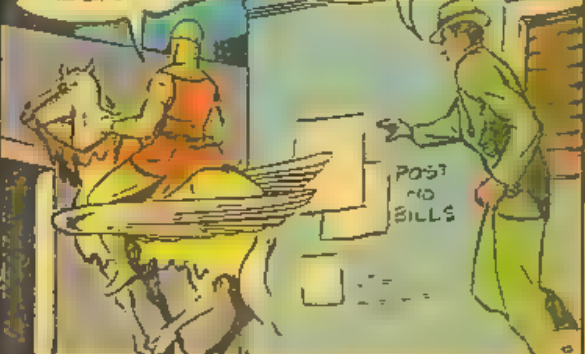
SO I HAD THEM PRINT
THE STORY TO LURE
HIM INTO MAKING A
FALSE MOVE! HIS
HIDEOUT IS IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD OF
THE STORE THAT
WAS ROBBED!



I'M RIGHT
BEHIND YOU,
KNIGHT!

QUICKLY, SIR JUSTIN PICKS UP THE
TRAIL OF THE CRIMINALS!

THE BASE VILLET
KNOWN AS WINDY
WAS SEEN ON THIS
STREET! MAYHAD
IT WAS HE WHO HIT
ME WITH THAT
ROCK!



FORGET ABOUT
THAT ROCK, KNIGHT!
REMEMBER, YOU'RE
AFTER THOSE CROOKS
BECAUSE YOU HATE
INJUSTICE!

POST
NO
BILLS



BUT SR JUSTIN'S PROGRESS HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED!

BOSS: I CAUGHT A GANDER OF THE SHININ' KNIGHT COMIN' DOWN THE STREET! HE'S ON TO US!

OF COURSE, LAD! I WANTED TO DRAW THE SAAB DOWN HERE! THAT'S WHY I ROBBED THAT STORE!



AND AS THE CHAMPION OF CHIVALRY PASSES ONWARD...

WE MUST BE GETTING CLOSE, KNIGHT!

YES THOSE BOTTLES OF GREEN INK ARE LEADING US RIGHT O CAPTAIN CHUCK!



NEVER DID YE SAY A TRUER WORD, YE LUBBER! IS THIS THE INK YE WERE LOOKING FOR?

WHA...?



NEXT MOMENT...

AT 4 M, LADS! HE CAN'T EVEN SEE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO HIM!

I WOULD HAVE TO GET INTO THIS!



TAKEN BY SURPRISE THE SHINING KNIGHT IS QUICKLY OVERWHELMED! AND SOME TIME LATER...

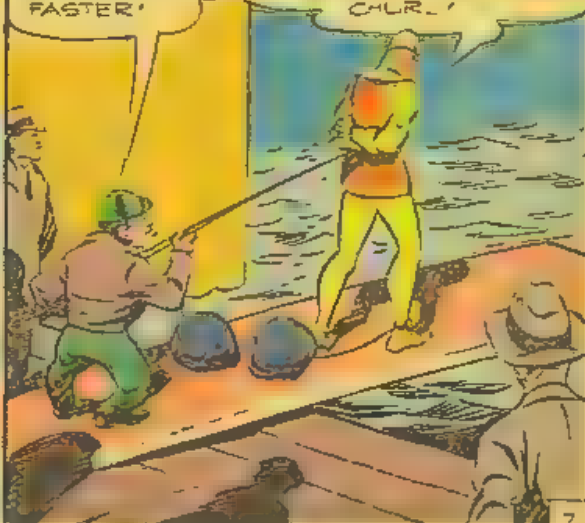
AH, KNIGHT, IT'S YEARS SINCE I'VE SEEN ANYONE WALK THE PLANK! CAN YE ME THANKS FOR BRINGING BACK OLD MESS!

NE THOUGHT THOU HADST SOMETHING OF THE PRATE IN THEE! AND THOU SHALT MEET A PRATE'S FATE!



NOT SO MUCH JAWING LUBBER! MOVE A BIT FASTER!

I WILL MOVE FAST ENOUGH TO SUIT THEE THOU SEA-GOING CHURL!





SUDDENLY GRUUSTY SCOVERSALLTS
THROUGH THE AIR...



THUS I REPAY
DOUBLY THE
BLACK DEALT
ME WITH THAT
ROCK!



AS CONFUSION REIGNS
AMONG THE CRIMINALS...



CRAY,
PAL,
GO
GET
'EM!

MANY THANKS,
GOOD FRIEND,
I SHALL OBEY
THY BEHEST!



FISTS PUMPING LIKE PISTONS,
THE SHINING KNIGHT AND
TOUGH CAPTAIN CHLYX CASH
IN FLEECUS COMBAT!

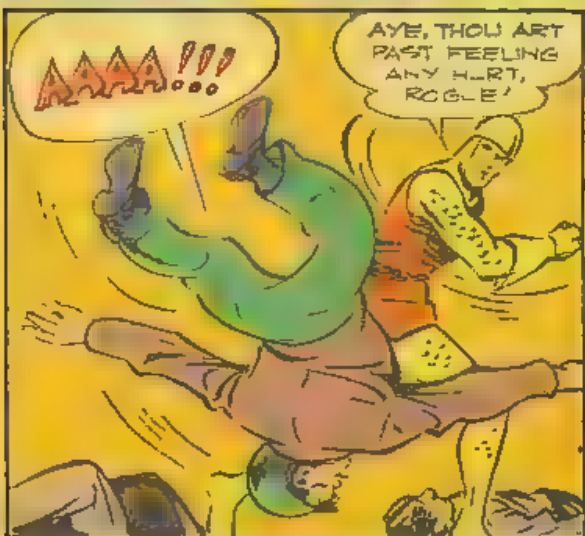
NOW WILL I TAKE
WHAT BEFORE I
LEFT OFF!

Y-YOU
AINT
H-HURT NG
M-M-ME,
L-L-LUBBER!



AAAAA!!!

AYE, THOU ART
PAST FEELING
ANY HURT,
ROGUE!



AND AS THE POLICE ARRIVE...

OUT OF MY WAY, BOYS,
I'VE GOT THE SCOOP OF
THE YEAR! SHINING
KNIGHT COOKS CHUNKS
GOOSE, RECOVERS
BAGGY RUBIES...
WHAT A STORY!

COOKS A GOOSE?
BY MY HAL DOWE
NOW REMEMBER
THIS SIR
KENELM!





SOON, SIR JUSTIN CONFRONTS A GRATEFUL MR. BAGBY...

HERE ARE THE RUBIES! NOW...!!!

I PROMISED YOU A REWARD, AND I'M KEEPING MY PROMISE! IT'LL GO TO ANY CHARITY YOU NAME!

HERE'S TEN DOLLARS!

DOST THOU CALL THIS A REWARD? THOU ART AS MEAN AND STINGY AS THINE ANCESTOR, KENELM! I RECALL HIM NOW...

HE WAS NO KNIGHT OF ARTHUR'S! HE WAS A COOK! A BAD COOK, WHO COULD NOT EVEN ROAST A GOOSE! MY FRIEND, SCAMMEL, WILL BE PLEASED TO LEARN OF THIS!

NO, NO, KNIGHT, PLEASE DON'T TELL HIM!

I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE MONEY YOU WANT... BUT PLEASE DON'T LET THE NEWSPAPERS KNOW MY ANCESTOR WAS A COOK! AFTER BOASTING OF MY NOBLE ANCESTRY, IT WOULD RUIN ME SOCIALLY!

HMM, THOU ART A SHOBB AND I LIKE NOT SHOBB... BUT FOR CHARITY'S SAKE, I ACCEPT THY OFFER!

THUS, LATER...

I DON'T GET IT, KNIGHT... WHY SHOULD BAGBY HAND OVER PART OF THE REWARD TO A HOME FOR RETIRED CHEFS?

'TIS MY SUGGESTION, FRIEND... THOU WILT NOT UNDERSTAND, BUT 'TIS MY WAY OF MORTIFYING HIS SPIRIT FOR HIS SHOBBERY!

HERALD
BAGBY DONATES THOUSANDS TO CHARITY!
HOME FOR RETIRED CHEFS AMONG BENEFICIARIES



STARMAN

MILLIONS OF METEORITES PLUNGE TO EARTH EACH YEAR, UNSEEN AND UNSUSPECTED... AND ONLY RARELY DOES ONE AMONG THEM FLAME BRIGHTLY ENOUGH TO BE GLIMPSED AS A SHOOTING STAR! SO, WHEN CELESTIAL ARTILLERY APPEARS TO BOMBARD A CERTAIN WEALTHY ESTATE... AND WHEN MADANE MARAUDERS ACCOMPANY THE METEORIC BARRAGE... STARMAN MOVES HEAVEN AND EARTH TO END A RAIN OF TERROR AS...

**STARS FALL
ON ALLIE BAMMER!**

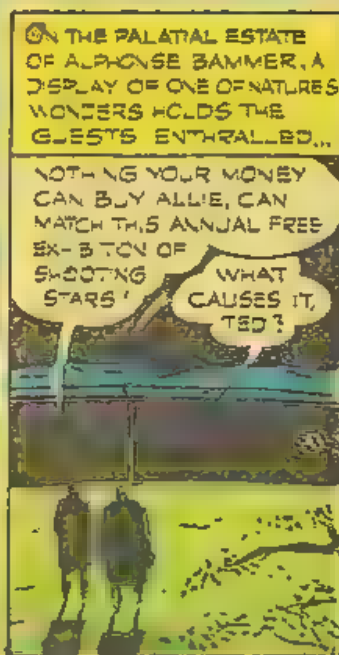
ON THE PALATIAL ESTATE OF ALPHONSE BAMMER, A DISPLAY OF ONE OF NATURE'S WONDERS HOLDS THE GUESTS ENTHRALLED...

NOTHING YOUR MONEY CAN BUY ALLIE, CAN MATCH THIS ANNUAL FREE EXHIBITION OF SHOOTING STARS!

WHAT CAUSES IT, TED?

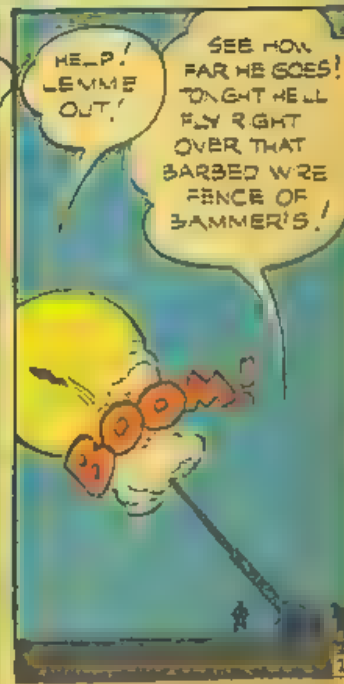
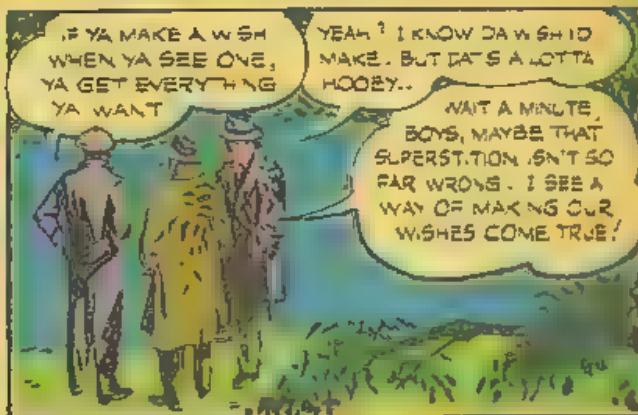
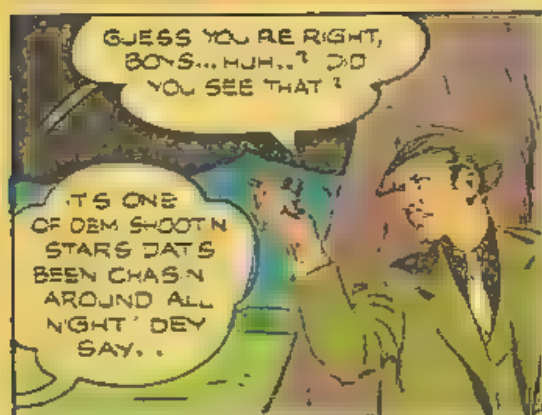
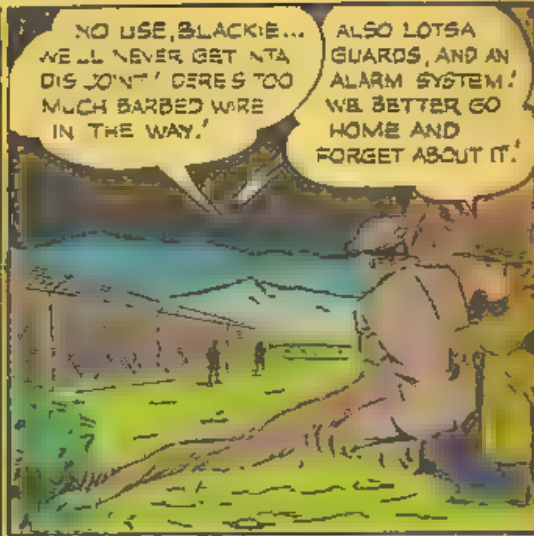
IT'S PRODUCED BY THE EARTH'S PASSING THROUGH SWARMS OF METEORS THAT FLAME INTO INCANDESCENCE WHEN THEY HIT THE ATMOSPHERE!

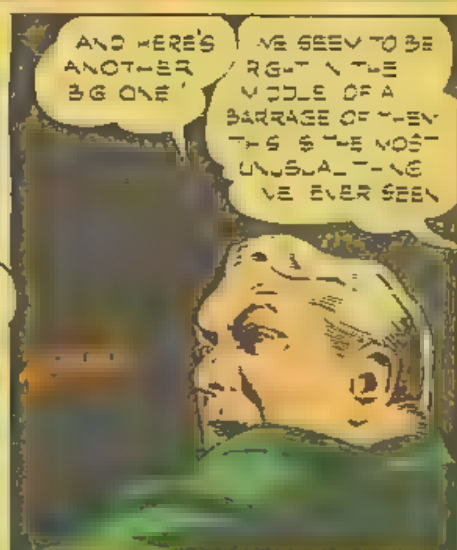
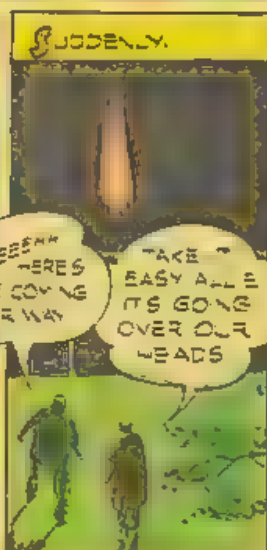
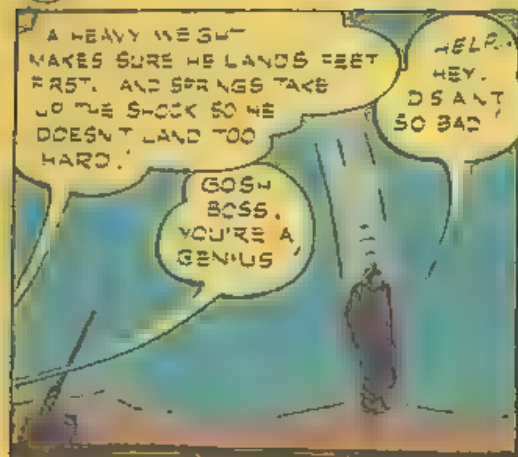
BUT AREN'T THEY DANGEROUS? SUPPOSE ONE WERE TO HIT NEAR HERE.





MEANWHILE THE DAZZLING DISPLAY OF CELESTIAL FIREWORKS IS VIEWED BY OTHERS CLOSE BY...







UNEXPECTEDLY...

THERE'S SOMETHING
WRONG AT THE HOUSE
WE'D BETTER FIND OUT
WHAT'S HAPPENING

AS HIS
COMPANION
HASTENS
AWAY, TED
KING-
MAKES A
SWIFT
TRANS-
FORMATION
TO
STARVAN
THE
ASTRAL
AVENGER!



THIS IS
THE COSTUME
TO WEAR WHEN
THERE'S
TROUBLE



SUSTAINED BY THE POWER OF HIS FAMED GRAVITY ROD
STARVAN STREAKS THROUGH THE
AIR INTO A SCENE OF WILD
DISORDER...

WE TOOK CARE OF THE ONLY
GUARD WHO SAW US. BEFORE
THE OTHERS KNOW WHAT'S
WRONG WE'LL BE
OUT, AND...

BLACKIE
TOWN!



I DON'T KNOW
HOW YOU GOT IN
BUT I KNOW HOW
YOU'RE GOING
OUT



UGH!
HOW CAN YOU
FIGHT AGAINST
WHO AREN'T
THERE?



AFTER THIS,
YOU WON'T BE
ALL THERE,
EITHER!



COME ON, BOYS... WE
BETTER GET OUT
WHILE THE GET-
TING'S GOOD

HYM!
THINGS ARE
BEGINNING TO
LOOK BLACK FOR
YOU, BLACKIE!

BUT AS THE ASTRAL AVENGER GETS OUT IN PURSUIT, HE CRASHES INTO NIGH 300 POUNDS OF BOLE MUSCLE, AND JUST PLAIN AVOROUPOS!

THE NOSE WAS COMING FROM HERE..OWWWW!



AND THE RESULTING TABLEAU PROVIDES THE ANSWER TO THAT ANCIENT QUESTION.. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE HITS AN IMMOVABLE OBJECT!



MANY MOMENTS LATER...

I NEVER GOT IT SO HARD ANY MORE, BUT NEVER NOT THAT. WHERE DO THOSE THINGS GO?



THEY GOT OUT THROUGH THE FRONT GATE, STARMAN. IN MR. BAYMER'S CAR THE DRIVER SAID THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY, AND WE DON'T LEARN THE TRUTH UNTIL LATER!

FORTUNATELY, THEY DON'T HAVE TIME TO GET MUCH LOOT! BUT THE QUESTION STILL REMAINS... HOW DO THEY GET INTO THE ESTATE?



GOSH, STARMAN, MAYBE THEY FLEW IN JUST LIKE YOU DID.. EXCEPT THAT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, IN THE GLANCE OF TED KNIGHT...

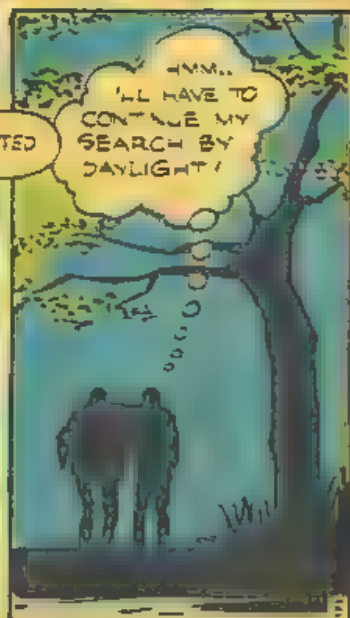
WAS THERE? STARMAN SHOWED UP I KNOCKED HIM OUT BY MISTAKE, AND HE COMPLIMENTED ME ON MY PUNCH! SAID HE HAD NEVER BEEN HIT SO HARD BEFORE.



UUM... THAT GLEER SWARM OF SHOOTING STARS...



HELLO, ALIE! WAS THERE REALLY ANY EXCITEMENT AT THE HOUSE?



UUM... I'LL HAVE TO CONTINUE MY SEARCH BY DAYLIGHT!



THE FOLLOWING DAY...

SO THIS IS WHAT WE SAW... PROSPEROUS PANT AGAINST A BLACK BACKGROUND AND ONE OF THE CROOKS WAS IN TOO MUCH OF A HURRY TO TAKE HIS UNIFORM WITH HIM!

BLACKIE DIDN'T GET WHAT HE EXPECTED HERE... SO HE... PROBABLY TRY TO USE THE SAME METHOD TO ROB SOME OTHER WEALTHY ESTATE! NO BETTER BE ON GUARD!

AND SO IN THE EVENING AS THE HEAVENLY SPECTACLE BEGINS...

AH, THE BIG ONE MUST BE BLACKIE OR ONE OF HIS GANG! THIS TIME, I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO GET STARTED!

READY TO PROVIDE MORE FIREWORKS, RATS!

SNAP INTO IT, BOYS... HEY, IT'S STARMAN AGAIN!

I FORESEE A CASE OF CELESTIAL INDIGESTION... STARS IN YOUR STOMACH!

HEY!

FOR YOU BLACKIE, I PROPHECY SHOOTING STARS IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES, AND SHOOTING PAINS EVERYWHERE ELSE!

YEAH? I AM NOT SO DUMB, STARMAN... I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT SHOW UP AGAIN!

THIS FLASH BULB WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU!

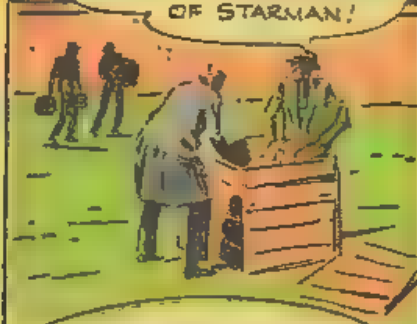
WHA...? I CAN'T SEE!

YOU CAN SEE NOW, CHUMP... EVEN IF IT'S ONLY THE STARS IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES THAT YOU MEANT FOR ME!

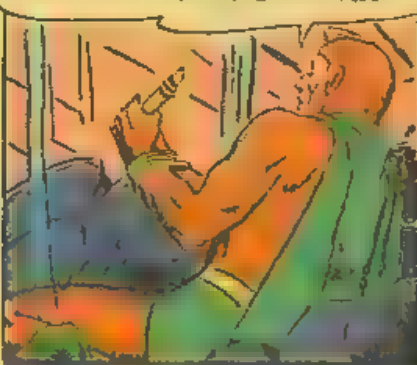


LATER AFTER THE CRIMINALS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THEIR

OKAY, BOYS... GRAB THE CAR AND GET READY TO LEAVE! HARRY AND I WILL TAKE CARE OF STARMAN!



LUCKY I HAD THIS EXTRA GRAVITY ROD HIDDEN IN MY CLOTHING! IT'LL HELP ME GET OUT OF THE RIVER, EVEN IF I CAN'T UNLATCH MY HANDS!



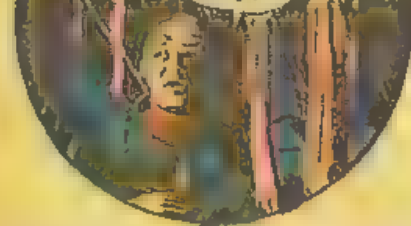
PRESENTLY, A HEAVILY LOADED CRATE PLUNGES INTO A STREAM THAT MEANDERS THROUGH THE ESTATES OF THE WEALTHY...

SO LONG, STARMAN... HAVE A NICE SWIM!



WATER SEEPING IN THROUGH THE CRACKS AWAKENS THE ASTRAL AVENGER TO THE DESPERATE NATURE OF HIS SITUATION!

THESE HEAVY STONES ARE KEEPING ME AT THE BOTTOM OF A RIVER! AND THE WATER IS RAPIDLY REPLACING THE AIR... I'VE GOT TO ACT FAST!



AS STARMAN MAKES USE OF THE GRAVITY ROD'S STAR-GIVEN POWER, THE CRATE RISES FROM ITS WATERY RESTING PLACE!

TOO BAD I CAN'T SEE WHERE I'M GOING I'LL HAVE TO MOVE SLOWLY...

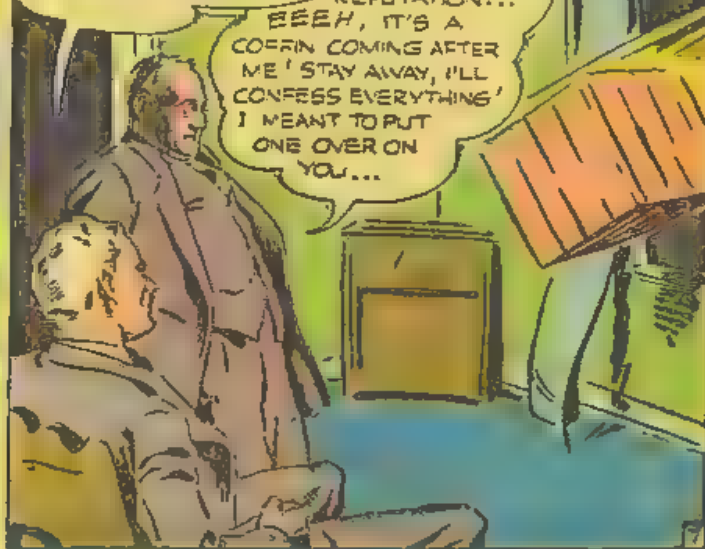


AND SO, PRESENTLY, TWO NEIGHBORING FINANCIAL MAGNATES SEE A STRANGE SIGHT!

YOU'RE SURE THIS DEAL IS HONEST?

I'LL STAKE MY REPUTATION...

EEEH, IT'S A COFFIN COMING AFTER ME! STAY AWAY, I'LL CONFESS EVERYTHING! I MEANT TO PUT ONE OVER ON YOU...







SORRY TO HAVE CAUSED SO MUCH DAMAGE BUT I COULDN'T SEE WHERE I WAS GOING



PRESENTLY, AS THE FLEEING THIEVES FANCY THEMSELVES SAFE...

HEY, BOSS LOOK! DA SHOOT N' STAR... A REAL ONE... COMIN' OUR WAY! ITS MOVIN' TEN TIMES FASTER N' WE'D!

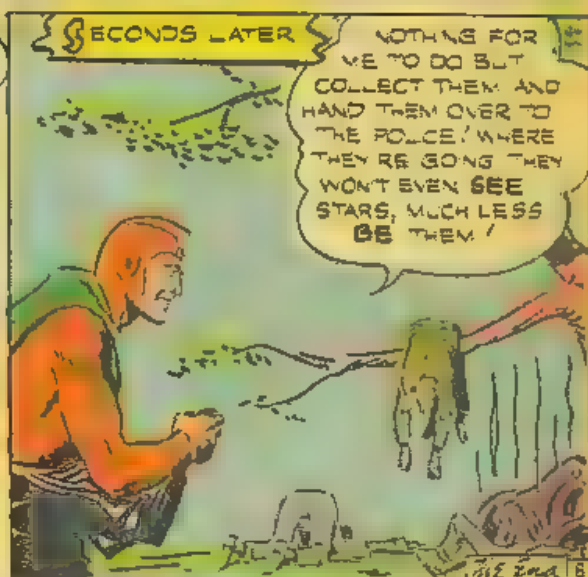
DON'T WORRY, REAL SHOOTING STARS NEVER HIT



DON'T DEY? DS ONE S COMIN' RIGHT FOR US, EEE EHHH I'M GETTA OUT!



YILL... IT MUSTA HIT US



SECONDS LATER

NOTHING FOR ME TO DO BUT COLLECT THEM AND HAND THEM OVER TO THE POLICE! WHERE THEY'RE GOING THEY WON'T EVEN SEE STARS, MUCH LESS BE THEM!

THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

















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